

## RESOLUTIONS

Adopted by the Cookeville Post of the American Legion:

Be it resolved by the Putnam county soldiers of the World War in mass-meeting assembled at Cookeville, Tennessee on this the 20th day of March, 1920:

First: That we declare it to be but simple justice that the Government of the United States should take cognizance of the heavy financial losses and business sacrifices sustained by the American soldiers who, at the call of their country abandoned their business connections and vacated their positions in civil life to defend the nation's honor in the arena of war on another continent ad on the high seas.

Second: We denounce as ungrateful and sordid those who, having remained at home during the period of the war and in a business way profited immensely on account of the great conflict now have the temerity to decry or minimize the financial sacrifice and loss sustained by those who forgetting and foregoing all else placed their all upon the altar of their country.

Third: We are asking for no formal tribute of word or pen to those of us who returned, or eulogy upon the thousands of our comrades who sleep in France. That history and posterity will fittingly note the part we played we do not doubt. We, the service men of Putnam county, on this occasion desire to concretely and pointedly declare the one purpose of this meeting to be a demand upon our part, for ourselves and all of our comrades, that Congress shall, as expeditiously as possible, provide for the payment to all service men of fifty dollars per month for each month of their enlistment, as a meagre compensatory recognition of the heavy financial losses sustained by them during such period, and to effectuate this and we request our Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the United States to lend to this proposition their whole-hearted support and to present to their respective houses this, our memorial asking for even-handed justice in the premises.

The harsh indictment long ago preferred against republics that they are ungrateful may be true. In so far as our participation in the war with all of its attending horrors and suffering are concerned, we prefer that others than ourselves should try this charge of ingratitude against the non-combatant citizenship of our own republic, but if the arraignment be merited and the castigation true let it not also embrace the added offence of being insensible and indifferent to a just financial obligation, even Russia has not repudiated its financial obligations. Does any one question the justice of the pecuniary debt which this nation owes to its service men.

Finally, we condemn with disgust the pratings of those who meet our appeal for simple justice with the cry of "Economy". While the service men were in France and the other theatres of war braving dangers and horrors the nature and enormity of which had not previously entered into the conception of the human mind, money was appropriated by our government in terms and figures which stagger our comprehension. Those who stayed at home profited by the government's prodigality in a manner never before conceived of. Men who had products and wares to sell became rich. The unskilled laborer received such wages as had previously been enjoyed by only a few of those holding the most responsible positions among us. The American soldiers who endured such suffering and hardships that their memories even revolt at the suggestion of its rehearsal received one dollar per day and less and now those of them whose lives have been spared to again see their own country, many of them maimed in body, broken in health, and destitute of means, are, upon their return, told of economy from some of those whose profiteering and ill gotten gains should, in the absence of a sense of justice and fair play, constrain them to silence.

Knowing that our demand is just we submit our cause to the Congress of the United States and the great body of the American people with faith in the justice of their decision.

Further be it resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to our Senators and Representatives in Congress and that it be presented to their respective houses.

ROSS BURTON,  
SAM JARED, Jr.,  
D. BARTLETT,  
PAUL HUSSEY,  
E. L. JARED, Committee

One man complains that his wife is always cross, and wants to know what the remedy is. There ain't none.

# One Day Only COOKEVILLE Friday, April 16

The Only Circus That Will Be  
Here This Year

# RHODA ROYAL CIRCUS

Trained Wild Animal and Old Buffalo Wild West  
Exhibition

A Historical, Ethnological, Educational Exhibition  
Greater, Nobler and Grandeur Than Ever Before

Enlarged and Reconstructed for Present Season

## 3--RINGS--3

See Royal's Famous Herd of Performing Elephants  
Who have delighted the hearts of thousands of spectators

## THE MILITARY HORSE DRILL

A Picturesque Equestrian Novelty  
Introducing the Famous Royal Black Horse Hussars

## "FRONTIER DAYS"

A Great Wild West Show Full of Thrills

Famous Rough Riders, Daring Cow Boys, Cow Girls, Rope Spinners,  
Lasso Throwers, Champion Trick and Fancy Riding

## 1000-- People, Horses, Animals --1000

10--Funny Clowns, Aerial Artists and Bare Back Riders--10

## FREE STREET PARADE AT NOON

Free Open Air Exhibitions on Grounds at 1 and 7 P. M.  
Performances at 2 and 8 P. M.

Under Water Proof Tents Doors Open One Hour Earlier

## See Bulletin Boards and Handbills

Lack of space here forbids Entire Particulars covering  
this big enterprise

## HORRIBLE CRIME

Corporal Raphael Perlmutter Murdered and Mutilated

### VERDICT OF THE INQUEST JURY

On Monday night, March 15, 1920, the band of the Twenty-eighth Infantry arrived in Cookeville to aid in the big drive for army enlistments. On Tuesday night the 16th Corp. Raphael Perlmutter, a member of the band was seen on the street and never seen again alive by his companions. He was reported missing and careful search for a week failed to disclose even a clue as to his whereabouts. On Monday, March 29, about 10 o'clock a. m. Tom and Harvey Kuykendall found his dead body in the brush about two miles west of the courthouse, near what is known as the "old crock kiln," and came to town to report.

Coroner J. R. Douglass went at once to the place, summoned a jury, brought the body to town and began a legal inquest, which has continued until Friday.

Many witnesses were examined and suspicion early pointed to certain parties as guilty of the murder or having criminal knowledge of the affair. Wednesday evening Let Hill, a Negro woman made important statements, and that night John Kirby made a confession in which he told the whole story, according to his version, which was to the effect that he and three other men induced Perlmutter to go out with them, Kirby, Jim Madewell, Alfred Smith and Will Robinson, a negro known as "Greasy." That they had gone out for the purpose of gambling, and arriving at a place near the place where the body was found, without any row having occurred, Smith shot Perlmutter, the negro cut his throat and Madewell beat up his head with a hickory cane belonging to Kirby, the skull being crushed in badly. That Smith then went through the dead man's pockets, and they carried the body to the place where it was found. Kirby also stated that Smith took whatever was found on Perlmutter.

Kirby, Madewell and Robinson are in jail here and Smith has been arrested in Detroit, Mich., where he had gone soon after Perlmutter disappeared.

This is a brief statement of the case as developed up to date, without confusing our readers with many details.

The body of Corp. Perlmutter was sent to New York for burial, he having relatives there.

The motive for the crime is thought to have been robbery.

Perlmutter was supposed to have considerable money, drafts and post office money orders with him.

It was one of the most horrible murders ever committed in this section, and the people are determined upon a speedy trial and that every possible effort be made to punish the guilty whoever they may be.

The jury of inquest brought in the following verdict:

State of Tennessee, Putnam County: An inquisition holden at Cookeville in the state and county aforesaid, beginning on Monday, March 29th, and extending until this April 2nd, before J. R. Douglass, Coroner of Putnam County, upon the body of a person identified as Raphael Perlmutter, found dead about a mile and a half west of Cookeville, and brought to Cookeville, by the jurors whose names are hereto subscribed, who, upon their oaths, do say that the dead body is that of Raphael Perlmutter, a member of the band in the United States Army, Headquarters Company, 26th Infantry, who was temporarily at Cookeville with said band, and whose residence prior and at the time of his enlistment was in the state of New York, but that he was a Russian Jew, and that he was about the age of — years, and a white man. They find that he had been shot in the right side of the head just back of the eye, near the temple, and in the mouth, with something like a 32 or 38 caliber ball; that he had been hit with some blunt instrument, apparently a stick, on the right side of the head, that had burst his skull; and that his throat had been cut two or three times. The evidence disclosed that he was killed on the evening of March 16th. That about dark on said date, this deceased, in company with John Kirby, Jim Madewell, and Alfred Smith, went to the home of Will Robinson (colored), near where the dirt road crosses the railroad, about a mile and a quarter west of Cookeville, and that at that place they were joined by Will Robinson (colored), and proceeded west along the railroad track for something like a quarter of a mile, when they turned to the left

and went over near the barn of T. J. Gregory, at which place the deceased Raphael Perlmutter, was shot, struck with a stick, and cut, by the parties who were with him, the said Alfred Smith having done the shooting, Will Robinson (colored) having done the cutting, and Jim Madewell having used the stick, according to the testimony of John Kirby. That after said deceased was killed, all four of said parties picked him up and carried him around down in a westerly direction, got out into the public road with his body, and then came back into the same enclosure and carried it up northward and laid it down near Cane Creek, and there left it in a thicket.

The jury, therefore, find that the deceased came to his death at the hands of Alfred Smith, Will Robinson, Jim Madewell and John Kirby, who perpetrated the homicide, and later robbed the body, and are, therefore, guilty of murder in the first degree.

In testimony, the said jurors have hereunto set their hands on this the 2nd day of April, 1920.

THOS. A. EARLY,  
J. C. TYLER,  
F. C. MAXWELL,  
F. E. COLLIER,  
T. J. FOUTCH,  
L. C. REEVES,  
W. R. CARLEN,  
H. S. BARNES,  
LUCIEN STANTON,  
J. B. GRAVES,  
W. W. HARRIS.

The three accused men waived preliminary hearing, were held by Coroner J. R. Douglass without bail and will be sent to Nashville for safety.

### TRACTOR DEMONSTRATION

The greatest demonstration of farm tractors ever held will be held on the T. P. I. school farm in Cookeville, Saturday, April 10th, from 9 a. m. until 3 p. m., and everybody interested in purchasing a tractor is urged to be present, to gain some information of modern land preparation. Remember the date, April 10. It is free to everybody. The following tractors will be used: Fordson, John Deere, I. H. C., and Lauson.

### PIG AND CORN CLUBS

Last year 30 boys enrolled in the corn club and 37 boys and girls enrolled in the Pig Club in Putnam county. When the enrollment for this year is completed there will be announced, no doubt, a greater enrollment than last year.

When the school was asked at Algood, how many of them read agricultural papers, 16 answered. Any good farm paper is well worth the subscription price and farmers would be a great deal better off if they would read more.

Life is just a continuous grab for one dollar after another. And with some of us there is an agonizing difference between grabbing and getting.



Mt. View Lodge No. 179 I. O. O. F. met at the usual hour, 7 p. m., March 27, 1920. H. F. Sparks, N. G., presiding, some thirty or more being present. A great deal of routine business was disposed of. Bros. F. E. Elrod, H. D. Officer, Sam. Bussell and J. A. Countess were reported sick. Bro. J. S. Stamps was reported still bad off with rheumatism. Bro. W. B. Loftis was reported convalescent. Bro. J. L. Goodwin was reported improving. Bro. J. H. Hodge was reported much distressed on account of continued illness of his wife, who is in a hospital in Nashville.

The initiatory was conferred upon two applicants. A committee reported favorably upon a petition for the initiatory and after balloting he was declared duly elected. Three petitions for membership on card, after balloting were declared duly elected. Several of our members are at work in Detroit, Michigan and Akron, Ohio and several others contemplate going there very soon.

Our Warden and host, R. L. Ray, got very sick and was forced to go home, leaving his duties to be performed by two or three brothers, which would have done reasonably well had he not neglected to leave his keys with them, however, where there is a will there is a way and they managed, after loss of time to get things to move along satisfactorily.

Now between adversity caused by flu and prosperity caused by increased membership in common parlance, "the lodge is flying", with prospects brighter than for many Terms. Brothers, put your shoulders to the wheel, keep things moving and ere long you will have a lodge you will be proud of.